

2011-12 Stevens Wrestling

Season Preview

The Stevens Institute of Technology wrestling team officially begins its season on November 6, when the Ducks host Bridgewater State University and Rhode Island College at 1 p.m. In 2010-11, Stevens finished the 2010-11 season ranked No. 23 nationally by the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) and racked up a school-record 14 wins, surpassing the previous best mark of 12 set back in 2008-09.

As a team in the classroom, the Ducks recorded their highest finish in school history in the NWCA Academic Standings, placing third in the nation with a 3.551 grade-point average.

On the mat, Stevens finished third overall in the Centennial Conference Championships with 60.5 team points.

Head Coach **Mike Clayton** returns a core group of student-athletes that combined for a 91-34 record last season, one was an All-American for the second straight season, the first time in program history that a Stevens' wrestler has achieved that accolade.

The All-American, senior **Ryan Bridge (Galloway, N.J.)**, ranked sixth last season in the final individual polls on February 8 going into the NCAA tournament in the 141-pound weight class, posted a 13-3 record and came in seventh place at the NCAAs. Junior **Ryan Dormann (Mickleton, N.J.)** was nearly unbeatable in 2011, tallied a 36-5 mark and was ranked No.10 going into the championships at 174 pounds. Both student-athletes will look to stand on top of the podium at NCAAs this season.

Junior **Jason Nowakowski (Jackson, N.J.)** returns after picking up six victories at 184 last season and was also recognized by the Centennial's Sportsmanship Team. Another junior, **Joey Favia (Brick, N.J.)** will be looked upon for some experience after sitting out 2010 and wrestling for the Hawkeye Club in Iowa. As a member of the squad in 2008-09, Favia posted a 27-10 record.

"This will be the first time in our school's history where three of our returning wrestlers will start the season ranked in the top 8 nationally, in their respective weight classes," said Clayton. "We will need our other strong returning wrestlers and top newcomers to fight hard to put us in a solid position all season."

Two sophomore grapplers, **Andrew Boehm (Granville, Ohio)** and **CJ Caserta (Mt. Arlington, N.J.)**, will be looked upon to build off successful freshman campaigns for the Ducks. Boehm wrestled to a 17-13 overall record, while Caserta was an impressive 25-13.

Also returning to the mat on Castle Point in 2011-12 are: the lone senior Bridge, juniors **Azizbek Babkhanov (Brooklyn, N.Y.)**, **Joey Matarazzo (Whitehouse Station, N.J.)**, **Ryan Neugebauer (Baldwin, N.Y.)**, **Ryan Owens (Fallston, Md.)**, **Brian Schmalz (Colts Neck, N.J.)**, and **Will Sharkey (Westminster, Md.)**, sophomores **Greg Chrin (Easton, Pa.)**, **Cody Curtiss (Frisco, Texas)**, **Michael DiLiello (Islip Terrace, N.Y.)**, **James Holden (Staten Island, N.Y.)**, **Alex Moreno (Tenafly, N.J.)**, and **Frank Pestana (North Bergen, N.J.)**.

A number of freshmen will be joining the squad this season and will bring depth to many different weight classes. Those newcomers include: **Conner Bass (Westhampton, N.Y.)**, **Zach Bass (Westhampton, N.Y.)**, **Jonathan Endrikat (Stockholm, N.J.)**, **Chris Florek (Mendham, N.J.)**, **Anthony Geiger (South Amboy, N.J.)**, **Tyler Maher (Raleigh, N.C.)**, **Damian Murberg (Hillsdale, N.J.)**, **Jake Odell (South Windsor, Conn.)**, **Mike Otsuka (Upper Saddle River, N.J.)**, **Mike Polizzi (Montville, N.J.)** and **Dave Santos (Brick, N.J.)**.

Helping out Clayton this season as coaches for the Ducks are **Damian Logan**, **Pete Galea**, **David Maiorana** and . Logan, now in his second season as the head assistant coach, was a two-time All-American at NCAA Division I University of Michigan, and before arriving at Stevens, spent two years on the coaching staff at the University of Pennsylvania where he coached Matt Valenti to a NCAA Division I title.

Galea (Second Season), Maiorana (Third Season) and Trieloff (First Season), will round out the coaching staff on Castle Point. Galea was a two-time All-American at perennial powerhouse Iowa State University. Maiorana competed at Division II Ashland University and was also a two-time All-American. Trieloff comes to Hoboken after honing his wrestling skills as a student-athlete at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater where he was a two-time Academic All-American and previously was a head assistant at Jamestown College.

"I'm very excited to announce that we are returning one of the top coaching staffs in all of college wrestling," stated Clayton. "We have three, two time All-Americans as well as the addition this year of Tom Trieloff. Tom was a two time academic All-American in Wisconsin. Our coaches not only understand the level of wrestling we want to achieve but they all support the academic and career goals of our student-athletes." Clayton expressed.

Over the past five seasons, Stevens has built a pro-

gressively tougher schedule each year. This season is no exception, as the Ducks have four teams on the schedule that finished ranked in the top-13 in the nation. The schedule also includes three invitationals and the North/South Duals.

After the home-opening tri-match on November 6, the Ducks will travel to Ewing, N.J. on the 8th and take on the Lions of The College of New Jersey for an all day event in the team's local rivalry match. In the final poll of the 2011 season, TCNJ was ranked No. 10 nationally.

As the New Year begins, the Ducks will compete in the North/South Duals, and then will take a trip to the Midwest in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on the 14th as they participate in the Matman Invitational, hosted by Cornell College. Cornell finished last season as the No. 15 team in the country. Stevens will face tough competition from No.1 Wartburg College, No. 3 University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, No. 4 Augsburg College, No. 5 Coe College, No. 20 University of Dubuque, No. 27 Loras College and No. 30 Luther College.

Clayton is looking forward to the opportunity to wrestle in Iowa and face some of the toughest competition in the country. "This trip back to my home state is an important piece of the puzzle as we continue to build both our strength of schedule. We'll know after this trip where our team sets among the top programs in the country."

Conference action begins for the Ducks on the 21st of January in Lexington, Va., when they compete against host Washington & Lee University and McDaniel College. On the 28th, Stevens has another Centennial tri-match showdown between Ursinus College and Muhlenberg College. February 12th, the third and final conference tri-match will begin at noon at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Gettysburg College will also be present at the match. The final conference match of the season will take place on the 15th in a showdown on Castle Point against USMMA, the ninth-best team in the country at 7:30 p.m.

In key non-conference action, Stevens takes on the Aggies of Delaware Valley College at 7:30 p.m. on January 27, who ended last season as the 13th best school in the country. Also, an Upstate New York trip is slated on February 3 at No. 2 Ithaca College for the first match of the month.

The Centennial Conference Championships will be held on February 25 in Collegeville, Pa. at Muhlenberg.

Mike Clayton

Head Coach * Ffith Season * United States Naval Academy * 1995

Mike Clayton enters his fifth season leading the Stevens Institute of Technology wrestling team. Formerly the head assistant at the United States Military Academy, Clayton has led the Stevens wrestling program to national prominence in just four seasons. The Ducks earned their highest national team ranking in 2010-11 at 18th.

Clayton was named the 2008 NWCA Division III Rookie Coach of the Year and the 2009 Centennial Conference Coach of the Year. Clayton has accumulated an overall mark of 40-32-1 (21-7 in Centennial Conference) in four seasons as the head coach of the Ducks. He has also been named the 2011 US FILA Cadet Team Pan-Am co-Head Coach and trained the US Team, who went to Campeche, Mexico in August of 2011.

In the 2010-11 season, Clayton enjoyed just as much success as the 2009-10 campaign. The Ducks compiled a 14-11-1 overall record (most wins in school history) and a third place finish in the Centennial Conference. The final regular season match for Stevens proved to be a huge one, as the Ducks topped NCAA Division I member Sacred Heart University, despite not having six starters for the match in a 22-18 triumph.

Under Clayton's tutelage, a pair of Ducks took home individual titles at the Centennial Conference championship meet and advanced to the NCAA Nationals in 2011. Junior Ryan Bridge took home top honors in the 141-lb. weight class placing seventh to become the Ducks first two-time All-American and sophomore Ryan Dormann advanced to the round of All-America for the second time in his career at 174.

Off the wrestling mat, Clayton witnessed a great group of student-athletes that finished third overall academically in the National Wrestling Coaches Association with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.551. The squad was narrowly beaten out by Williams College (3.573) and Johnson & Wales University (3.608).

After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Navy in 1995, Clayton, a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Supply Corps, was named an assistant wrestling coach for the Midshipmen. He served in that role for five months before heading to Athens, Ga., to complete the 27-week Navy Supply Corps Officers Basic Qualification School. While there, Clayton earned a spot on the All-Navy wrestling team, capturing a silver medal at the 1996 Armed Forces Championships and placing fourth at the Chattanooga, Tenn., Olympic Regionals.

During his professional career, Clayton has published a book entitled Championship Training Log for Wrestling. The book helps wrestlers self-assess their habits to ensure healthy and effective training. Clayton enjoys travelling around the country working with coaches and wrestlers through motivational wrestling clinics based on his book (www.Session6wrestling.com). He has presented his training clinics at the Lake Placid Olympic Training Center and the US World Team Trials in Council Bluffs, Iowa at the USA Wrestling Silver Coaches Clinic as well as at high school programs in over 16 states.

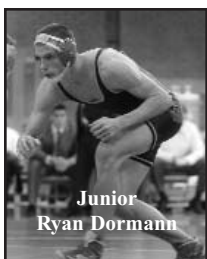


Head Coach Mike Clayton

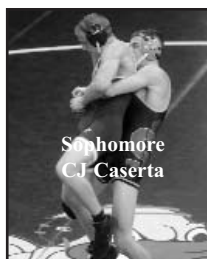
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Program Accolades

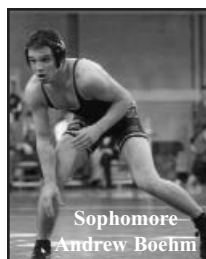
- * Earned highest ranking in school history last season, at 18th in the country during the year
- * Team finished third in the nation in the NWCA Academic Standings with a 3.551 grade-point average
- * Senior Ryan Bridge became school's first ever two-time All-American
- * Posted a school-record 14 victories in 2010-11
- * Junior Ryan Dormann won a school-best 36 bouts in 2010-11
- * Ducks placed third at the Centennial Conference Championships last year
- * Three members of the 2011-12 team are ranked in the top-five of their respective weight classes in the country
- * Ducks are ranked 17th in the 2011-12 NWCA Preseason Poll



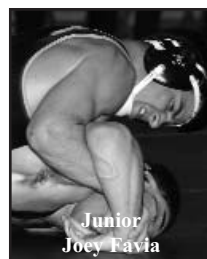
Junior
Ryan Dormann



Sophomore
CJ Caserta



Sophomore
Andrew Boehm



Junior
Joey Favia

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
11/6	Bridgewater State	1 p.m.
11/6	Rhode Island College	1 p.m.
11/8	at TCNJ	TBA
11/12	at Roger Williams Invitational	All Day
11/16	Yeshiva	7 p.m.
11/19	at Doug Parker Invitational.....	All Day
11/30	Hunter	7 p.m.
12/9	NYU	7 p.m.
1/7	at North/South Duals	All Day
1/14	at Matman Invitational	All Day
1/18	Elizabethtown	7:30 p.m.
1/21	at Washington & Lee*	TBA
1/21	vs. McDaniel*	TBA
1/27	at Delaware Valley	7 p.m.
1/28	at Ursinus*	TBA
1/28	vs. Muhlenberg*	TBA
2/3	at Ithaca.....	7 p.m.
2/8	at Lycoming.....	6 p.m.
2/12	at Johns Hopkins*	12 p.m.
2/12	vs. Gettysburg*	12 p.m.
2/15	United States Merchant Marine Academy*.....	7:30 p.m.
2/25	at Centennial Championships	All Day
3/9	at NCAA Championships	All Day
3/10	at NCAA Championships	All Day

Home Matches In Bold
* Centennial Conference Match

Team Roster

Name	Cl.	Wt.	Hometown
Azizbek Babakhanov	Jr.	157	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Conner Bass	Fr.	141	Westhampton, N.Y.
Zach Bass	Fr.	149	Westhampton, N.Y.
Andrew Boehm	So.	133	Granville, Ohio
Ryan Bridge	Sr.	141/149	Galloway, N.J.
CJ Caserta	So.	149	Mt. Arlington, N.J.
Greg Chrin	So.	149	Easton, Pa.
Cody Curtiss	So.	133	Frisco, Texas
Michael DiLiello	So.	133	Islip Terrace, N.Y.
Ryan Dormann	Jr.	174	Mickleton, N.J.
Jonathan Endrikat	Fr.	141	Stockholm, N.J.
Joey Favia	Jr.	165	Brick, N.J.
Chris Florek	Fr.	197	Mendham, N.J.
Anthony Geiger	Fr.	125	South Amboy, N.J.
James Holden	So.	157	Staten Island, N.Y.
Tyler Maher	Fr.	285	Raleigh, N.C.
Joey Matarazzo	Jr.	149	Whitehouse Station, N.J.
Alex Moreno	So.	184	Tenaflly, N.J.
Chris Moyer	Jr.	285	Coplay, Pa.
Damian Murberg	Fr.	174	Hillsdale, N.J.
Ryan Neugebauer	Jr.	141	Baldwin, N.Y.
Jason Nowakoski	Jr.	184	Jackson, N.J.
Jake Odell	Fr.	157	South Windsor, Conn.
Mike Otsuka	Fr.	165	Upper Saddle River, N.J.
Ryan Owens	Jr.	149	Fallston, Md.
Frank Pestana	So.	149	North Bergen, N.J.
Mike Polizzi	Fr.	133	Montville, N.J.
Geraldo Rodriguez	Sr.	157	Paterson, N.J.
Dave Santos	Fr.	141	Brick, N.J.
Brian Schmalz	Jr.	285	Colts Neck, N.J.
Will Sharkey	Jr.	174	Westminster, Md.

Career Records

Wins	Name	Years
121	Brandon MacWhinnie	2004-08
90	Leo Dormann	2006-11
86	Charles Favia	2005-10
67	Ryan Dormann	2008-
63	James Roarty	2006-10

Falls	Name	Years
32	Brandon MacWhinnie	2004-08
29	Leo Dormann	2006-11
21	James Tallia	1977-80
20	Robert Birth	1985-89
15	Kyle Brisson	2006-08

Maj. Dec.	Name	Years
30	Brandon MacWhinnie	2004-08
19	Charles Favia	2005-10
14	Leo Dormann	2006-11
12	Ryan Bennick	2004-06
9	Mark Bistis	2006-08

Single-Season Records

Wins	Name	Year
36	Ryan Dormann	2010-11
33	Brandon MacWhinnie	2006-07
32	Mike Detsis	2004-05
31	Ryan Dormann	2008-09
30	Brandon MacWhinnie	2004-05

NCAA Qualifiers

Wt. Class	Name	Year
141	Mike Detsis	2005
157	Brandon MacWhinnie	2005
157	Brandon MacWhinnie	2006
165	Brandon MacWhinnie	2007
174	Brandon MacWhinnie (All-American)	2008
141	Ryan Bridge (All-American)	2010
165	Joey Favia	2010
174	Bobby Bishop	2010
141	Ryan Bridge (All-American)	2011
174	Ryan Dormann	2011